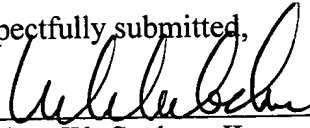


Remarks

Claims 1, 5, 10, 12-14, 17, and 20-22 have been amended. New claims 23-27 have been added. In view of the above described claim amendments and additions, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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